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THE FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS FOR MARTENS' PRESENTATION:

I. THE EFFECTS OF THE COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN INDOCHINA

A. SETBACK FOR US IN TERMS OF (1) DEGREE OF PREVIOUS
INVESTMENT OF BLOOD AND EFFORT, (2) EFFECT ON US
CREDIBILITY AND (3) COLLAPSE OF FRIENDLY ELEMENTS WITHIN
INDO-CHINA ITSELF.

B. DEGREE OF COMMUNIST CONSOLIDATION AND UNITY WITHIN
INDO-CHINA LIMITED, HOWEVER.

C. EFFECTS ON NON-COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIA.

(1) EFFECT ON INSURGENCIES MINIMAL.

(2) INCREASED TREND TOWARD NON-ALIGNMENT, REGIONAL
ORGANIZATION, FEARS OF COMMUNISTS.

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D. EFFECTS ON NORTHEAST ASIA EVEN MORE SUBDUED KOREA,

JAPAN, TAIWAN.

II. FACTORS IN CURRENT POLITICAL-SECURITY BALANCE IN EAST ASIA

A. NORTHEAST ASIA: LINES TIGHTLY DRAWN, IN GENERAL, AS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. FOUR MAJOR POWERS CONVERGE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY. ENORMOUS DANGERS IF HOSTILITIES OCCUR BUT RESTRAINT THEREBY PRODUCED. PARTICULAR DANGERS OF KOREAN PENINSULA. IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN.

B. UNCERTAINTIES IN CHINA AND SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS.

C. HANOI'S POTENTIAL FOR TROUBLE AND LIMITATIONS THEREON.

D. NON-COMMUNIST SEA: IS THERE A POWER VACUUM? PROSPECTS OF ASEAN AND SIGNIFICANCE OF ASEAN. PROSPECTS FOR VIABILITY OF EXISTING POLITICAL AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

III. INTERPLAY OF GREAT POWERS

A. USSR. CAN SOVIETS CONVERT GROWING MILITARY REACH INTO POLITICAL GAINS? LIMITATIONS ON SOVIET POLITICAL

INFLUENCE. THE SOVIET COLLECTIVE SECURITY SCHEME - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

B. CHINA. CHINESE CONCERNS AND EVOLUTION OF THE CHINESE POSTURE. NATIONALISM - COMMUNISM AND DEVELOPMENT - REVOLUTIONARY DICHOTOMIES.

C. JAPAN. JAPANESE ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND LOW POLITICAL PROFILE. INHIBITIONS ON CHANGE.

D. US

IV. MAIN FEATURES OF US POLICY

A. JAPAN AND KOREA

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B. CHINA

C. THE PHILIPPINES

D. NON-COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIA

E. INDO-CHINA. ROBINSON

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